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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Columbia disaster is likely to affect the space programmes of ISRO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of space programmes slated for 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(d) the role being played by NASA and Russia in achieving the targets set by ISRO?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Four launch vehicle missions and five satellite missions are slated for 2003-04. Two launch vehicle missions and four satellite missions are slated for 2004-05.

(d) India has a self-reliant space programme. However, bilateral agreements cover cooperation with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Russia, particularly in the area of space applications, which supplement ISRO`s space programme.